The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 29 OF 2016

WHEREAS, the mission of the Centre County United Way (CCUW) is to improve lives by prioritizing needs and mobilizing human and financial resources to positively impact the education, financial stability and physical and emotional health of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, CCUW strives to improve human conditions in Centre County by collaborating within a 35 member partner network to provide over 100 programs that focus on education, income stability, and health; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, via this partner network, 27,702 people received help preparing for school, free access to literacy programs or intensive support in improving reading, cultural, and legal literacy skills with 94% of the children who received intensive support succeeding in school, 88% of adults enrolled demonstrating measurable improvement in their reading skills, 93% reporting improved cultural understanding and knowledge, and 100% demonstrating an improved ability to appropriately access the legal system; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, via this partner network, 11,824 people received help improving their financial situation through education, money management and crisis intervention with 96% demonstrating measurable improvement in their financial condition and 22,582 people received support related to physical and mental health issues with 86% demonstrating measurable improvement in their ability to deal with mental, physical, drug and alcohol related issues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 2016 as *Centre County United Way Month* in Centre County and that all of Centre County strive to Live United by making certain that every child has a home, every family can afford food, shelter and clothing, and everyone with a chronic health condition has the opportunity to live an independent and full life.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2016

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Denise L. Elbell, Acting Administrator